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Hebrew U. Plans Expedition To Scene Of Mass Suicide Of Jews In 70 A.D. At Masada

JERUSALEM—An expedition to study the mass suicide that occurred at Masada, on the Dead Sea, in 70 A. D., when 960 Jews who fled Jerusalem after the fall of the Temple killed themselves as a lesser evil than capture by the conquering Romans, was being planned this week by the Hebrew University.

Prof. E. L. Sukenik of the university's archaeological department said he was going ahead with plans, despite the fact that the estimated \$100,000 needed for the expedition is not yet available.

He said it would be necessary to build a road from Beersheba or Sodom, on the lower part

of the Dead Sea because Masada is completely isolated. The ruins stand on a shelf overlooking the sea.

As described by the Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus, the story of the mass self-killings is one of the most harrowing in all Jewish history.

When the Jews, headed by commander Eleazar, found that the Romans were ready to break through their last defense, they agreed to kill each other.

Ten men, according to the legendary account, were chosen to kill the rest. When this was done, one of the ten was named to kill the other nine. The last man then fell on his own sword.

UJA Asks Suspension Of Capital Fund Plans In '50 Local Budgets

WASHINGTON—An emergency conference of the United Jewish Appeal, after hearing lagging 1949 contributions had brought a crisis in Israel, voted this week to ask all U. S. Jewish communities to refrain from making commitments for capital fund outlays in 1950 planning.

In so doing, the UJA set the stage for resumption of a long-time struggle on the issue of how much of the money collected in the big annual drives should be set aside for local needs, particularly for such items as repair, expansion and new construction of local Jewish institutions.

Involved in that struggle is the steadily intensified fight of the local communities for greater freedom in deciding how the funds they collect for the UJA should be spent. (NJP July 1).

The 800 delegates from 34 states, in phrasing their appeal, asked that all such commitments be postponed until after the next national convention of the UJA. The date for that was set for Nov. 25.

The request was stated strictly as an appeal. The Post was told that no effort was made at the conclave to propose specific meetings with local community representatives on the issue.

The delegates were told that a serious dollar crisis had developed. In the first eight months of this year, they were told, the cash received totalled \$84,189,698. In the same period last year, the amount of cash was more than \$122,000,000.

In part, the crisis was one of a lag between pledges and actual cash payments on the pledges. In part, it was an anticipated substantial drop in total contributions in the 1949 drive.

For both 1948 and 1949, the national quota was set at \$250,000,000. Last year, \$150,000,000 was raised. Estimates of the final total for this year have ranged from \$90,000,000 to \$120,000,000.

The delegates approved plans to deal with both causes of the crisis.

To deal with the lag in payment of pledges, the conference approved a plan to send flying squads of communal leaders to strategic parts of the country to step up remittances of cash to the UJA.

Local communities also were urged to borrow from all possible sources on existing pledges.

To increase total collections, the conference asked that as many communities as possible, which have finished spring campaigns, to stage a second campaign. Most of the U. S. Jewish communities hold their annual campaign before the summer.

All speakers at the conference emphasized that Israel faced disaster if the current lag in contributions continued.

Zionist Council Installs Lipsky; Set For New Political Struggle

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—With Louis Lipsky finally installed as chairman, the American Zionist Council was set this week for a new drive to alert U. S. Jews to the threat of U. S. State Department pressure on Israel.

The Zionist Council, formerly the American Zionist Emergency Council, announced that Lipsky, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, had been unanimously elected to the chairmanship on Sept. 8.

At the same time, Rabbi Jerome Unger, one of the stalwarts of the ZOA administration when it was led by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, resigned as associate director of the ZOA to become executive director of the Zionist Council under Lipsky.



LIPSKY

The appointment ended weeks of reports that Zionists were bitterly dissatisfied with inaction by the Zionist Council during recent months of reported pressure by the U. S. State Department on Israel in respect to Arab refugee acceptance and sacrifice of part of the Negev.

The Zionist Council has been headed by a four-man praesidium since the registration of Dr. Silver on June 16. During that period, its Zionist critics charged it with complete inaction. Defenders pointed out that a radical change in diplomatic tactics appeared inevitable now that there is a Jewish State and that it would take time to work out a coordinated effort which would recognize that a large part of the political struggle was now an Israeli foreign policy function.

(Nathan Ziprin, writing in his Seven Arts column, "On the Record," reported that Lipsky was planning to launch a series of highly important activi-

ties.) Those elected to serve with Lipsky were Mrs. Judith Epstein of Hadassah, vice president; Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice president of the U. S. Mizrahi (religious Zionist), secretary; Pincus Cruso, secretary of the political committee of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, treasurer.

Lipsky was a top strategist of the now-dissolved Committee for Progressive Zionism, which was organized to fight the ZOA leadership of Silver and Neumann.

Pittsburgh Temple Offers Free Seats

PITTSBURGH — An indirect invitation was extended to Pittsburgh Jewry last week to attend High Holy Day services at Rodef Shalom, a leading Reform Temple, whether they could or would pay for seats, or not.

The congregation, headed by Rabbi Solomon Freedhof, a past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, took paid space in the Pittsburgh Anglo-Jewish weekly, the OUT-LOOK, to offer its invitation.

The bid contained the hope "that our guests who are in a position to make a reasonable contribution for their seats will be willing to do so," but it did not bar those who would refuse to do so.

The announcement stipulated only that "non-members of Rodef Shalom Congregation desiring to attend its services on the High Holy Days at Syria Mosque will be required to secure cards of admission in advance."

Arab DP Plight Subject of UN Film

JERUSALEM—The plight of the Palestinian Arabs made homeless by the Arab invasion Palestine will be the topic of a documentary film, George Weller of the Chicago Daily NEWS foreign service reported this week.

The film will be made under United Nations sponsorship, according to Weller.

Appeal Set For Arms Case Figure

National Jewish Post
MIAMI—Charles T. Winters, the first American citizen to be sentenced in the federal campaign against participants in the Palestine war, will get a hearing on his appeal from an 18 months prison term in Atlanta on Oct. 19.

Winters was indicted with eight others last June 11 on charges of illegally exporting three Flying Fortresses from Miami to Tel Aviv.

The case will be reviewed by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit sitting in Atlanta.

Louis Sabatino, who had been acting as attorney for the young non-Jewish Army Air Forces veteran, dropped out of the case after Winters decided to plead guilty.

He said the guilty plea had been against his advice and that he believed Winters had been poorly advised by "other sources."

Deportation Of Jews By USSR Confirmed

NEW YORK.—The N. Y. TIMES, in a dispatch from Athens, reported this week that some 20,000 Jewish nationals have been shifted to the Far East from border areas along the European frontier of the Soviet Union.

The dispatch said the shifts were part of an accelerated program by the Soviet Union "of rendering militarily secure its border areas along its European and Near Eastern frontiers by deporting non-Slavic elements to the extreme north and to Asia."

The dispatch said that reliable information had been received that a mass deportation of Jews from the Ukraine and Byelorussia, on the Soviet Union's western border is under way now.

Last month, the American Jewish League Against Communism informed the United Nations that it had learned the enforced deportations involved 400,000 Jews.

FRENCH JEWS PROTEST HATE ARTICLE; POLICE ARREST THEM, NOT THE EDITOR

LONDON—A group of French Jews who visited a French newspaper to protest an anti-Semitic article were arrested by local police who told them to "go to your own country if you don't like it here," it was reported this week.

The incident occurred at Trouville, a resort near Le Havre which is patronized largely by Jews, according to the Jewish CHRONICLE of London.

An article in Le Progres charged Jews with monopolizing the resort and advised them "to behave more discreetly." Local Jews promptly visited the newspaper owners to protest. Police were called, who arrested the Jews. They were later released.

Jewish visitors have decided to boycott the resort until the paper publishes an apology.

A Post Report From Jerusalem

IZFA Conclave In Israel Sets Up 4 Liaison Offices For Students

By ASHER BIRNBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

JERUSALEM—A convention of members of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America cleared the way for more active participation by IZFA members in Israel upbuilding this week by setting up liaison offices for U. S. college students coming to the Jewish State.

The convention, which attracted 50 delegates, was held at Bet Hashitta, the hachshara (training) kibbutz for Haoleh, the chalutz (pioneering) arm of the student Zionist federation.

Presiding was national president Judy Neulander of Richmond Hill, N. Y., who has been sent to Israel by IZFA.

The group voted to establish four provisional branch offices in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Bet Hashitta. This action is subject to approval by IZFA's central executive committee, which meets in the U.S.

Joe Yanitch of Detroit, and Calvin Einis of Sharon, Mass., co-chairman of the Jerusalem branch, said the liaison groups will have three tasks.

1. Aid to present and former IZFA members who come to visit, study or settle in Israel.
2. Information for persons interested in Kvutza Aliyah, an IZFA group which plans to organize an urban or suburban cooperative for young professionals from the U. S.
3. Contact on behalf of IZFA

with the youth department of the Jewish Agency.

Calling All Members

The Jerusalem office, working with Edward Kroll, has started the task of contacting all IZFA members now in Israel. Kroll is a Haoleh member who heads the liaison branch at Bet Hashitta.

The Jerusalem office also reported arrangements with Dr. Ben Ben Shalom, head of the youth department of the Agency, for three shlichim (emissaries) to be sent to work with IZFA groups in the United States.

Rabbi Raab Accepts Iowa Temple Pulpit

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia.—Rabbi David Raab, founder and spiritual leader of Temple Isaiah of Miami Beach, accepted appointment this week as rabbi of Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids.

Rabbi Raab resigned as spiritual leader of the Miami Beach Temple after a long fight against a successful eviction bid by Daniel Arnstein, wealthy N. Y. transportation magnate.

New York

JEWISH AGENCY CAN NOT HAVE
EQUAL STATUS WITH ISRAEL GOV'T

MR. MEIR GROSSMAN, head of the economic Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, in several articles in the Day, claimed for the Jewish Agency for Palestine sovereign rights in Israel equal to those of the Government. The respective jurisdiction, he argues, ought to be divided between the two bodies roughly in the same manner as between the Federal and State Authorities in the United States. The Jews living in Israel are, after all, only a small minority of the Jewish people. The land of Israel belongs to the whole Jewish people, and those living outside should also have a say. The present inhabitants of the country should consult the future inhabitants. The Government of Israel is not only the elected government of the citizens of Israel. It is also the trustee of the whole Jewish people.

Mr. Grossman is an extremely able observer and analyst and, no doubt, his views are sincere. But there are two facts which tend to make him somewhat biased: one, his high position in the Jewish Agency; two, the fact that he is a leader of a party which failed to get a single deputy elected to the Knesset but still musters some strength in countries outside of Israel.

I heard arguments similar to the ones advanced by Mr. Grossman even before I read his articles. They are usually expressed by General Zionists of the Right wing, who have little strength and little able leadership in Israel, but who hope to muster strength outside of Israel and who, until lately, had an able and dynamic leadership in Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

The arguments do not stand up to factual examination.

No Jewish organization in the world represents the majority of the Jewish people. The World Zionist Organization, at the height of its popularity, managed to enlist the support of the overwhelming mass of the Jews for its basic aims. But that was only as regards sentiment. Organizationally, the number of registered Zionists in America, which has the largest Jewish community in the world, is only a little greater than the number of registered voters in Israel. A registered Zionist is, after all, only a sympathizer living abroad, who is, at most, an active and emotionally involved sympathizer. He cannot be compared with a citizen of Israel, whose fate, whose life, and limb and whose family are tied up with the State.

Of the registered Zionists the vast majority are not today prospective immigrants to Israel. The quarter of a million members of Hadassah and the quarter of a million members of the ZOA are not packing their trunks. Nor are American Labor Zionists on the move.

There are about a million Jews on the move to Israel. But most of them are in the Moslem countries and in Eastern Europe. Their representation in the councils of the Jewish Agency and of the World Zionist Organization is insignificant.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine is, in fact, the Executive of the World Zionist Organization. Since 1930 it is supposed to include, in addition to Zionist representatives, also representatives of non-Zionist organizations who are willing to help in the upbuilding of Palestine.

THREE MAIN ELEMENTS WERE REPRESENTED in the Jewish Agency before May 14, 1948: most of the Jews in Palestine; prospective immigrants; and registered sympathizers abroad.

With the proclamation of the State of Israel, the element which is most vitally concerned and interested became the citizens of the new state and the most important section of the Agency became the Government of Israel; whether Jews of Turkey and Morocco and Poland would rather be represented by the Jewish Agency or the Government of Israel, has not been ascertained. Officially the rump Jewish Agency still represents the registered sympathizers abroad. But even in this respect one cannot disregard the radical changes which have taken place in the legal position of the Jewish Agency and in the sentiments of the Jewish masses all over the world since the emergence of the State.

The Jewish Agency derived its international legal status from the existence of the League of Nations Mandate over Palestine administered by Great Britain. During the discussion of the Palestine question at the United Nations, the UN Assembly invited the Jewish Agency to present and argue the Jewish side, thus according the Jewish Agency greater recognition than it had ever enjoyed either by the British Government or by the League of Nations. But that only lasted until May 14, 1948. From then on the Government of Israel supplanted both the British Administration of Palestine and the Jew-



FRANK

Women In Israel Do Not Have Equal Status,
Says Pioneer Women Head; Laws Favor Men

NEW YORK—Because of the carryover from the old Talmudic laws, women in Israel do not have equal status with men, Mrs. Israel Goldstein, president of Pioneer Women, reported this week on her return from a year in the Jewish State.

Mrs. Goldstein, president of the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, is the wife of Rabbi Israel Goldstein, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, who has just completed a year as treasurer of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

The 12 women in the Israeli Parliament is no proof of equal status, she said, claiming they do not provide equal representation. She said that divorce laws, medical care and old age pensions are one-sided and do not provide adequate protection for housewives.

She said the Moatzat Hapoalot, the Council of Working Women in Israel, is dedicated to the struggle for equal rights for women but that Biblical law is a powerful foe.

Under the present divorce law, she said in citing an example, only a man can go to a rabbi for a divorce. He must go to a rabbi because all such matters of personal status are exclusively in the control of the rabbinate and there is no civil marriage or divorce. She said the woman in such cases can give her side of the case only as a defendant.

Another example she listed was the practice under which property rights and rights of children revert to the men.

"In inheritance laws, while women in the United States now get 50 percent, there women can be forgotten," she declared.

She said flatly that women do not get equal pay for equal work and that she was just as concerned with the fact that unless a wife is a working woman, she does not share in the medical care, old age pensions and other benefits provided for the working man by the powerful Histadrut, the general confederation of labor unions in Israel.

Israel Plans Law

Banning Polygamy

TEL AVIV, Israel—A bill to outlaw polygamy in Israel will be introduced shortly in the Knesset, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said this week.

He said he expected opposition both from Moslem and Oriental Jewish citizens of the Jewish State but said that his Government will go ahead with the proposed ban anyway.

Israel OKs Conscription
After Fight On Women

TEL AVIV, Israel—Despite a heated fight over including women in national military service, the Israel Knesset (Parliament) last week approved unanimously a bill providing for conscription of men between 18 and 49 and national service for women between 18 and 34.

Men of 18 to 29 and women of 18 to 26 will be called up for regular service, starting with basic military instruction for a few weeks and then farm training in a frontier settlement for the rest of the year.

Religious Jewish deputies objected to conscripting women on grounds of morality and chastity.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion who, as defense minister, developed the program, ended the debate by asking the objectors "what makes you think a girl with a machine gun is more seducible than a girl with a typewriter?"

ish Agency for Palestine.

The Government of Israel which has inherited the British Mandatory administration, has, as such, no binding agreement with the Jewish Agency such as the British had. What exists is a makeshift arrangement made by individual members of the Israeli Government in their capacity as members of the Zionist General Council. That arrangement has not been debated in the Knesset. Until the Knesset approves of it, the arrangement has no legal validity.

Presumably, the Knesset will not take up the question of the relation between the State of Israel and the World Zionist Movement and the Jewish Agency until the World Zionist Congress has met and formulated its policy. One hundred and thirteen out of the total 120 members of the Knesset have a strong sense of Jewish solidarity and will not want an open break with the World Zionist Congress. (That is, all members, except the Arabs and the Communists). But, in the last analysis, it must be borne in mind that the Knesset is the supreme body of a sovereign state, while the Zionist Congress is a mere assemblage of world wide voluntary sympathizers. The Knesset is not bound by the decisions of the Zionist Congress. The Knesset will use its own judgment on the value of the decisions made by the Congress.

TO JEWISH, AND PARTICULARLY, to Zionist, sentiment all over the world, the Jewish Agency today does not mean the same as it did before May 14, 1948. It is no longer the Jewish state-in-the-making, no longer the substitute for a Jewish state; no longer the body to defend Jewish rights in Palestine or, at least, present the Jewish case in Palestine, vis-a-vis the British and the world.

Today the Jewish masses are willing to entrust the Government of Israel with the fate of the Jewish case in Palestine. There are thousands of Jews outside of Israel who would have voted for a different regime than the present one if they were citizens of Israel. But only a few of them are sufficiently concerned to organize in order to change the regime in Israel.

The Jewish Agency today is no longer a matter of principle or ideal. Either it works out or it does not work out. And that depends a great deal on how it behaves.

London AJCommittee Official Reports

Zionist Control Of British Board
Splitting Jewish Life, Says Visitor

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—British Zionists have used their majority position on the Board of Deputies of British Jews to form a controlling group, a development which has brought internal difficulties that threaten the communal life of British Jewry, a British observer said this week.

The report was made by William Frankel, London representative of the non-Zionist American Jewish Committee, who arrived in New York last week for a six weeks speaking tour.

Party System Threat

"The communal life of Anglo-Jewry is centered around the Board of Deputies, which was always proudly recognized as the forum for differing views," Frankel said. "That boon is in danger of disappearing because for the first time the party system has become dominant."

Frankel said the Zionist majority had the right to take control but that the action had antagonized "the minority group, some of whom have discontinued their membership."

He said the main complaint of the minority viewpoints was that the Board no longer was reaching decisions on the merits of specific issues but that it had become a "rubber stamp" for decisions made by a Zionist caucus.

Frankel said the new situation was linked to the recent fight of Liberal (Reform) synagogues,

many of whom are threatening to withdraw permanently from the board.

The situation was touched off when the board refused to certify that reform synagogues were "synagogues of persons professing the Jewish religion" and therefore entitled to celebrate marriages in their synagogues under British law, he said.

"As a result of this, the Liberal and Reform synagogues, together with the oldest constituent of the board, the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation which was responsible for its formation in 1760, have dropped out of the board," Frankel said.

He said that they are staying out because they are afraid that the Zionist majority may affiliate with the World Jewish Congress, and that the fear had been intensified by the fact that the new president of the board, the Rev. Dr. Abraham Cohen, is a vice president of the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

Voting On Yom Kippur;
Poll Hours Extended

HARTFORD, Conn.—Election officials in some Connecticut towns this week were reported planning to extend voting hours for an election on Oct. 3 so that observant Jewish voters could go to the polls after sunset, when Yom Kippur ends.

The disclosure followed a public plea by Mrs. Winifred McDonald, Secretary of State, to all the 131 towns holding an election on that date.

State law provides that the polls must stay open until 6 p.m. and the hours may be extended until 8 p.m.

Rabbi Morris Silverman of Hartford said sundown on Oct. 3 comes at 5:39 p.m. and that Yom Kippur services will not be finished until 20 minutes after that time. He said he thought the 8 p.m. proposal would solve the problem.

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Zukerman Sees Silver As Leader Of Foes Of Nationalist Zionism

NEW YORK—The stand of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, in his answer in the current Reader's Digest to a new American Council for Judaism attack on the loyalty of U. S. Jewish Zionists to the United States, was hailed this week by William Zukerman as a historic triumph for the concept of American "philanthropic Zionism."

Zukerman, editor of Jewish World News Service, a small, independent Anglo-Jewish mail press service, also argued that the statement by Dr. Silver should be contrasted with that of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel, who told a U.S. Histadrut delegation recently that the next task of Israel was to bring all Jews to it.

Listing these two concepts of Zionism as antithetical, Zukerman said that Rabbi Silver's conception was "based on the American humanitarian principle of helping Jews in other countries who have no home of their own and need help in establishing one."

"He is quite right in saying that such a philanthropic aim and task can in no way interfere with one's loyalty to America," Zukerman added, in arguing that no charge of dual loyalty could be laid against a U.S. Jewish Zionist who accepted that concept.

Getting It Straight

"Ben-Gurion's Zionism is a European nationalistic ideology which claims that Jews are one and indivisible people no matter where they live and that Israel is their home," Zukerman said, to clarify the antithesis. "All other homes are just temporary inns where they remain as guests and aliens until they are 'redeemed' from the Exile."

Zukerman concluded that "the two distinct types of Zionism have never been more clearly stated."

"The significance of Dr. Silver's article," Zukerman said, "consists in the fact that he, the outstanding leader of American Zionism, came out definitely, clearly and unequivocally for American philanthropic Zionism and has by implication repudiated the European concept of nationalism, at least as far as American Zionism is concerned."

Zukerman argued that what Dr. Silver said in the article was that the U.S. Jewish Zionist is a friend of Israel who wants to help the new State to become "a happy home for other Jews who have no home of their own. Such a Zionist certainly can be a most loyal American."

Dr. Silver's answer was in reply to an attack by Alfred Lilienthal of Washington.

The JWNS editor even saw Lilienthal "himself and the American Council for Judaism" as subscribing to the theory.

"Their quarrel has always been with the nationalistic Zionist, not with the humanitarian philanthropist. Dr. Silver has made an important move in the non-nationalistic direction, apart from making a considerable contribution to the clarification of the generation-old question of double loyalty."

The JWNS editor saw another

"still greater significance" in Dr. Silver's statement, asserting that the two concepts exist in Zionist movements all over the world, including the United States.

He said U.S. Zionism started as a humanitarian relief movement 50 years ago, and then gradually became "under the stress of Polish anti-Semitism, of German Nazism and of the rise of general nationalism all over Europe heavily mixed with the nationalistic brew."

He said that in the U.S. the two trends have been fighting for dominance and that until recently the nationalist Zionists were dominant.

"Even now nationalism is still strongly entrenched in official and unofficial quarters of the Zionist movement and nationalistic fanaticism runs high," he said.

One of the main causes of the change, Zukerman said, was in rebirth of Israel and the political, organization and ideological changes in Zionism it had brought.

"Zionism is dead," he said. "It died a natural death by accomplishing its purpose and realizing its aim. But it has left two heirs to take its place. One the State of Israel . . . and the second is a bumptious Jewish nationalism which, like all young and successful nationalisms, is aggressive, expansionist and seeks to extend its sphere of influence outside its own frontiers."

He said it was "this new nationalism, invigorated by a first-class victory, not the State of Israel, that represents a danger to American and other Jews."

If it succeeded, Zukerman said, it "can demoralize American Jewry within one generation and undermine its political position even more than was the case with British Jewry."

"Fortunately, events of the past 12 months have supplied enough proof that American Jews, even Zionists, are too independent to be satellites. Dr. Silver's and Neumann's stand last summer when they resigned from the Jewish Agency rather than take orders from Tel Aviv, was one such proof. The second is the article in Reader's Digest," he said.

Congress Research Unit Gets Psychology Award

DENVER—The staff of the commission on community interrelations of the American Jewish Congress this week was given the second annual Edward L. Bernays award for the best research on the problem of improving relations between racial and religious groups.

The award was presented at the 57th annual conference of the American Psychological Association here.

40 Jewish Families Build Selves Temple

HERKIMER, N. Y.—The first Jewish synagogue in the Mohawk Valley of Upper New York will be dedicated Sept. 18. All funds were raised by Herkimer's Jewish community of 40 families.

Rabbi Maurice Aronov is spiritual leader and Hebrew instructor.

Goldstein Says Israel Has Religious Freedom

NEW YORK—Preaching at a "welcome home" service, Dr. Israel Goldstein told his congregation at B'nai Jesurun last week that in Israel "every individual in his personal life is free to follow his own point of view on religious observance or belief."

Dr. Goldstein, who returned after a year's leave of absence during which he served as treasurer of the Jewish Agency, said that national institutions and the "public aspects" of community life "show the same deference toward Jewish religious traditions as is shown in the United States."

He said Saturday is the public day of rest and important Jewish festivals are observed as legal holidays, just as Christmas is a legal holiday in the United States.

He said religious education was optional, not compulsory and that synagogue attendance was up to the individual.

New Trial For Koch Slated On Oct. 1

AUGSBURG, Germany—The second trial of Ilse Koch, the Beast of Buchenwald, will take place in a German civil court here on Oct. 1.

The widow of the former Buchenwald camp commander will be released from the U.S. Military prison at Landsburg Oct. 1.

Dr. Paul Farr, chief of the German courts branch of the military government of Bavaria said "sensational" new evidence will be brought forward in the second trial.

The depraved woman will be tried on charges of cruelty to Germans and Austrians who were prisoners at Buchenwald.

The new Bavarian civil law outlaws the death penalty so Frau Koch is certain to escape a death penalty.

I Think As I Please

WAGES AND PRICES MEAN MORE TO AVERAGE ISRAELI THAN POLITICS

By CARL ALPERT

AT the intersection of Rothschild Boulevard and Allenby Road, just behind the soda kiosk and newspaper stand, is a small clearing in the park where, at almost any hour of the day or night one can find small clusters of conversing men. Seen from a short distance, the little groups of men look like the park bench debaters who can be found in Union Square or Columbus Circle, New York, in Boston Common, and no doubt elsewhere in America.

That is exactly what they are! All the major issues confronting Israel are discussed and settled here. Around these benches the strategy of the war was planned, and in this same spot the future of the country is being determined. They take themselves very seriously, the members of this unofficial little parliament, but much can be learned about the mood of the country from their heated controversies.

One observation might be made about the language in which they speak. Talking about the Americans at Kfar Blum, and their desire to learn Hebrew, a friend said to me:

"They talk Hebrew in the fields, and in the dining hall, but the real test comes in the shower. There they let all restraint go, act natural—and talk English to each other."

Somewhat similarly, the park bench debates get started in Hebrew, but when logic begins to falter, or an excited point must be made without the delay of a single moment, many of the participants launch into Yiddish—and the prose flows like a torrent.

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT almost all these amateur legislators deal with economic matters. Not the peace discussions at Lausanne, not the problem of Sabbath observance, not the sessions of the United Nations—but jobs, wages, prices form the subject of conversation, and in this respect the sidewalk statesmen accurately reflect the interests of the great majority of the people.

Whereas the American Jew follows the news from Israel largely in terms of military, political, industrial or commercial activity, in their broadest aspects, the Israeli citizen is interested most of all in the cost of living, in the price of meat, in take-home wages, in unemployment.

Of course everybody is worried about the possible re-admission of Arab refugees, but price control is of more immediate concern. The fate of Jerusalem disturbs every Israeli, but the lowering of wages, even slightly, affects more people eventually.

The greatest interest, then, is in the elementary economics of what we would call making a living, and on this score there are common concerns which cut across all party lines. Thus the government's fixing of food prices receives the same reaction from every stratum of the farm population. Kibbutz members of the left and of the far left used almost the same language in criticizing the government's food controls as did the private little farmer and the plantation owner on the political right. As farmers they found themselves on common ground with common interests.

Closely allied to this economic problem is the question of private capital and its role in the country. We made particularly diligent inquiry into this matter, which will be discussed in the next column

IT WOULD BE EXTREME TO EXPECT a complete realignment of parties as a result, but changes will certainly take place. The interests of the salaried city worker, members of a labor party, are not the same—indeed, are often in conflict with the interests of the kibbutz farmer who is a member of the same party. The one wants food prices low and salaries high. The other insists on high prices for food, and low prices on manufactured goods (which means low city salaries).

This may sound like elementary economics, but the party system of the country hinges on such things, and it would not surprise me in the least to see a farm party emerge to represent the interests of all Israeli agriculture, both socialist and private. After all, the present political parties were formed when Zionism was still in its theoretical stage.

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MENUHIN GETS OK ON SWITCHING
CONCERT FROM YOM KIPPUR EVE

ALL'S well at last with Violinist YEHUDI MENUHIN who has recently displayed a devotion to Judaism which surprised many of his Jewish critics. The occasion was a scheduled benefit concert in Manchester, England which Menuhin signed to play on Oct. 2 without realizing it was Yom Kippur. When he did learn, according to his manager, Harold Holt, he refused to go through with the concert, changed his mind when he was threatened with a breach of contract suit and finally this week persuaded sponsors of the concert to hold it in the afternoon. The Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund officials agreed to the switch when Menuhin made a second appeal to them to save him from compromising his religious principles.



MENUHIN

The Tough Try

ALBERT SHULMAN, publisher of the weekly Jewish Review, will launch a daily Anglo-Jewish paper in New York on Oct. 17, according to Nathan Ziprin, Seven Arts feature columnist in his "On the Record." The new daily will be called the American Jewish Daily and will be a five-day-a-week venture.

With The Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS—Rabbi JACOB WENDROFF, formerly with Kneseth Israel in Hartford, has been named spiritual leader of Yeshiva Torah Mizon in Brooklyn.

RABBI ALBERT YANOW has been named Hillel director at Indiana University in Bloomington. He has just returned from Israel where he served on the staff of Hebrew University for two years. His wife is a former acting Hillel director at Hunter college.

Rabbi MENAHIM M. GOODMAN of Knoxville, Tenn., has been named spiritual leader of

Tifereth B'nai Jacob Synagogue in Minneapolis.

Congregation B'nai Israel of Pontiac, Mich., announced election of Rabbi JACOB M. CHINITZ as spiritual leader.

Rabbi JOSEPH TABACHNICK formerly of Temple Israel in Albany, N.Y. has accepted appointment as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth El of the Orange and Maplewood, N.J.

Rabbi JOSEPH M. GUMBINER has been named director of the Hillel Foundation at Yale University.

Rabbi NORMAN N. GOLDBURG has resigned as spiritual leader of the Suburban Temple at Shaker Heights, O. to accept a similar position at the Children of Israel Temple in Augusta, Ga.

WEDDINGS—Rabbi MELVYN HELFGOTT and the former Ellen Frances Isaacs of Sandusky, O., were married Sept. 4.

BIRTHS—Rabbi and Mrs. NEWTON J. FRIEDMAN of Wilkes-Barre announce the birth of their second son, Jeffrey Anton.

ANOTHER L. I. CONGREGATION
TURNS TO TENT FOR HOUSING

FRESH MEADOW, L. I.—The Fresh Meadow Jewish Center will hold its High Holy Day services in a tent, the congregation decided this week.

The center, created only two weeks ago, is still in process of organization and is seeking a charter from the United Synagogue of America.

The center's housing committee reported it had obtained rental of a tent and 400 chairs.

The committee also reported that electrical and carpentry labor had offered free by a Swede, and Irishman and a Jew.

Rabbi Harry W. Kitchen is spiritual advisor to the group.

Dulles, Celler Rap
ABA Genocide Stand

WASHINGTON—In separate statements, Sen. John Foster Dulles, Republican, and Congressman Emanuel Celler, this week assailed the action of the American Bar Association in rejecting the United Nations convention on genocide.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18—Dr. Jacob S. Marcus, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, will speak on the work of the Hebrew Union College on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EDT, ABC.

Protestants Invite Jews
To Their Institute

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A reverse switch on the usual custom of Jewish invitations to non-Jews to attend Institutes on Judaism was listed here last week in connection with an Institute on Protestantism.

The Kansas City Jewish CHRONICLE reported that the Kansas City Council of Church women, sponsor of the Institute, had invited both Jewish and Catholic women to attend.

Clapp Arrives On
Middle East UN Study

JERUSALEM—(WNS)—Gordon R. Clapp, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority has arrived in the Middle East where he will direct a United Nations survey aimed at improving general economic conditions and assisting in the resettlement of the Arab refugees.

Clapp would not admit that the mission had as its chief objective the development of the Jordan Valley Authority. However, he did say that the contacts of the mission would be chiefly with Israel, Transjordan, Lebanon and Syria, the countries mainly interested in the Jordan project.

Digest Of The Yiddish Press

U. S. LABOR ZIONISTS THUMB NOSES
AT MAPAI PLEA FOR UNIFICATION

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

DAVID BEN GURION may be boss in Israel, but he hasn't been able to make much headway with the Pioneer Women of America. Time and again, Ben Gurion has pleaded with the labor Zionists of America to unite, and thus establish a strong American counterpart to Mapai. But the LZOA, the League for Labor Palestine, the Alliance, the Hahonim, and the Pioneer Women have not shown much inclination to accept the Ben-Gurion Plan.



SILVER

The women have been especially bumptious. They have agreed to "coordinate" with the other groups, but not merge. "Coordination" is a "meaningless" term, says H. Vital, reviewing the situation in the FORWARD. When Golda Myerson addressed the national convention of the Pioneer Women, she begged for union. But the Pioneer leaders did not even bother to submit her proposal to the delegates—much to the chagrin of Golda and her aide, Eliahu Dobkin, of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Failure to unify the labor Zionist groups has been most damaging to the Hahonim, the labor youth group. Most of the Hahonim leaders have gone off to Israel, and the membership today is down to 5000. Consequently, the number of American youngsters in "hachsharos", preparing to go to Israel, is only 200, of which Vital says, 85 per cent have either run away from home or have left after a battle with their parents. In contrast, England has 900 chalutzim-elect. Only a strong, united Labor Zionist party can rectify this situation, contends Ben-Gurion. But the ladies are apparently not listening.

Delicatessen Has
Become Big Business

It was about time for someone to write about that peculiarly Jewish, indigenously American, and exceedingly flavorsome institution—the delicatessen store. And, finally, the city desk of the FORWARD had it done.

Jay Grayson, a specialist at feature stories, has turned out a succulent series on the subject, replete with good scents and interesting trade secrets. A lot of salami has been cut since the first dingy delicatessen stores opened their doors on New York's East Side. Today, the large, aromatic, mechanized, air-conditioned delicatessen industry con-

stitutes big business. The complicated task of corning beef has been reduced from a five-day to a one-day job. In New York, the delicatessen dealers are organized into strong organizations—and the workers are well unionized.

The trade has its own nomenclature, e.g., hot dogs come in three classes: "griddles," "specials," and Lilliputians. By New York law, the term "kosher style" and the Star of David are forbidden to any but strictly kosher stores. In the trade, "wet" stores are those which serve liquor. Sixty five percent of the Jewish delicatessen stores are "dry." Like Grayson's series, the honest-to-goodness Jewish delicatessen store contains a lot of meat but little baloney.

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Does Dubinsky Favor
Aid To Inter-marriage?

Here is a story about borsh, spaghetti, and David Dubinsky! Dubinsky's garment workers' union was at one time predominantly Jewish, but is now Italian and Jewish. For this reason, the union's Mt. Pocono hotel, Unity House, now has two dining rooms, one specializing in Jewish foods; the other, in Italian.

It has happened recently that a Jewish girl and an Italian youth, vacationing at Unity House, fell in love. They spent the entire day together, and even much of the evening. But at mealtimes they separated, each going to the dining room of his choice. Desiring to eat together, too, they fell into a discussion as to which dining room they should together patronize. Soon a spat ensued, as he pleaded for spaghetti, and she held out for borsh.

The squabble came to the attention of Union Chief Dubinsky, who happened to be at the hotel.

Paternally, Dubinsky spoke to the couple, urging them to patch up their differences, and then personally treated them to an extra week at Unity. This act earns for Dubinsky, who recently received an accolade from TIME Magazine, a scolding from the "Lebediger" who writes in the JOURNAL. Dubinsky should have minded his own business, fumes the writer. He has no right encouraging inter-marriage, and should have realized that the difference between the couple is more basic than a dietary cleavage. Let Dubinsky stick to labor unions and stay away from interfaith unions, advises the pious "Lebediger" ("The Lively One").

Human Rights Court
Voted For Europe

STRASBOURG—Establishment of a supreme court of Europe to protect human rights was voted overwhelmingly this week at the European Consultative Assembly.



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Women's Viewpoint

MANY JEWS CHOOSE THEIR SECT SOCIALLY, NOT IDEOLOGICALLY

By HELEN COHEN

WHEN religious beliefs are discussed, one phase of religion which is ever present usually is ignored. I refer to the "social" angle, which is a nice way of saying that people tend to be clannish, clique-ish snobs, even in their religious activities.

An extreme example of what the social phase can do to a religious institution was the account brought to me of a Temple in the midwest which had been reduced to 12 old established families, who wouldn't admit any newcomers to membership. The Temple eventually ceased to exist.

The social angle isn't limited to Judaism. I remember reading that not only were the different Christian sects divided into "right-and-wrong-side-of-the-track" groups but that certain denominations had come to be connected with certain types of people. I don't recall the exact category, so for illustration we'll say that the Episcopal church was connected with professional men, the Methodist with bankers, the Baptists with army officers.

In his history lectures at Wildacres, Dr. Solomon Grayzel delineated the factors behind the social angle in American Jewish life today.

The Sephardim, first settlers in the new land, looked down on the German refugees in the early 19th century. Even intermarriage between the two groups was frowned upon by the "aristocratic" Sephardic families.

The same story was repeated a few generations later. The Germans had by that time become the refined, educated, wealthy class and were supercilious toward the vast new wave of gauche East European Jews who flooded the land at the turn of the century.

ALL OF WHICH IS A PREFACE to the story of my home town. Since Conservative Judaism is the middle course, it probably deserves its position of strength in many of the cities which approximate my home town. Yet one still wonders if the scales wouldn't have balanced differently without the influence of the "social" angle.

Until I was six, we attended a little synagogue on Central Avenue. During that year a beautiful new house of worship was erected exactly one block away and everyone moved over to it. Of course, the little shul continued to exist, and during the High Holy Days the walk between the two buildings was jammed with festive young folk visiting the old shul. Not until long after I was grown did I realize that in moving over that one block, we had changed from Orthodox to Conservative Judaism.

Orthodoxy has a right to complain, but then too, so does Reform.

It wasn't until two or three years ago, when I was looking through a Hebrew Union College book, that I learned that the Reform Temple in my home town had been established in 1909, years before I was born. I wasn't even aware of its existence until teenage, and I didn't learn until much later that Reform had a definite platform of its own.

The social angle was obvious there. The Temple was over on the other side of town in one of the wealthier neighborhoods. We were the children and grand-children of the new immigrants.

We not only didn't have any knowledge of the ideological differences between the three groups, but even if we had, our knowledge would have had little effect on our actions. We attended our synagogue because that was where our family and friends went.

It seems strange that in religion, the deciding factor should not be ideological but social.

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Dr. Franz S. Steinitz, 5520 N. Magnolia, Chicago, writes:

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With your extensive study in the field, I would like to hear from you about it.

Steinitz is a name of geographical origin, undoubtedly derived from the market town of Steinitz in Moravia, now part of Czechoslovakia. The Czech name of the town is Zdanice, population, 2,400. Steinitz is an ancient Jewish settlement, as is all of Southern-Moravia. The Jews of Steinitz belonged to the Jewish community of nearby Austerlitz. The family name came into being long before Jews in general were obliged to assume permanent family names in 1789.

Benjamin Shandalov, 5263 N. Dr., University City, Mo., writes:

I am very much interested in finding the origin and meaning of my family name. My father originally came from Gomel, Russia. I have never yet met anyone else with this name and I would like to hear from such if there are any.

Shandalov is a trade name derived from the trade of "shingle-maker." "Shandal" is a Polish counterpart of the German "Schindel" meaning a shingle used to cover roofs. In an implied sense it also denotes the shingle maker. "-ov" is the typical Russian suffix of descent, employed in trade names, so that Shandalov means "son of the shingle maker." The German "Schindler" derives from the same source.

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SABBATH TWISTS

The following ingredients are needed: a cake of yeast (rub with four tablespoonfuls of sugar and let rise); two eggs, beaten with one teaspoon of salt and ¼ of a cup of vegetable oil; three-fourths of a cup of lukewarm water from cooking one medium sized potato. Mash the potato and use in the dough. This makes a moist bread. Also needed is four cups of flour, or as much as the liquid will hold.

Beat the eggs slightly, add water, yeast, flour, mashed potato, mix well. Knead the dough on lightly floured board until smooth and elastic (from 10 to 15 minutes). Place in warm bowl, closely covered, to rise until dough is doubled (about two hours).

Knead down the dough and allow to raise again until dough is as light as before (about one hour).

Then divide dough in three equal parts; round each piece of dough, cover and allow to rise about 15 minutes. From each piece of dough cut a strip. Braid the three strips, press ends together.

Place on large greased cookie sheet; cover, allow to rise about 90 minutes in warm place until light.

Beat egg yolk with one tablespoon water, brush dough well with the mixture. Sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake in moderate (400 F) oven about 30 to 45 minutes. Crust should be dark or golden brown when done.

HONEY CAKE

½ cup vegetable shortening	½ tsp. salt
three eggs	½ lb. honey
1 cup sugar	1 cup double strength cold coffee
3 cups flour (plain)	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking powder	½ tsp. allspice
1 tsp. baking soda	1 cup chopped nuts (pecan or walnut)
1 cup raisins (well-floured)	

Cream sugar, eggs, shortening well, add honey, beat well. Sift all dry ingredients, add, alternating with coffee, to creamed mixture. Sprinkle one tablespoonful flour over nuts and one tablespoon flour over raisins. Add to above batter and stir in well. Bake in a deep pan in moderate oven for 35 to 45 minutes.

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Friday, September 16, 1949

The Editor's Chair

I LEFT THE Conservative rabbis at the Concord Hotel at Lake Kiamesha, New York, this summer the day before it closed. It was a difficult decision to make. The most important session—that on change within the Conservative movement—was to take place the last day; yet if I didn't avail myself of the opportunity for a ride to Bretton Woods, N. H., about 400 miles away, where the Reform rabbis were meeting, I'd be two days in getting there, since I would have had to go back to New York City and start out again.

The Post reported what action was taken the final day—the decision to call a special convention this December, the entire convention to be devoted to this problem of change which has been vexing the movement for years. I was allowed to read Rabbi Morris Adler's paper in advance, and I thought it was excellent, setting the philosophical and historical ground for the need for change; but I didn't get hold of Rabbi Jacob B. Agus' paper on changes in Sabbath rules at all.

There was some question whether the special convention would be called, since the wording of the resolution on it, left the matter to the discretion of the executive and their decision was to depend on the feasibility of a special convention. Now the convention has been set definitely and the three important papers will be delivered by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement, Rabbi Ben Zion Bosker and Rabbi William P. Greenfield.

Rabbi Kaplan will speak on the relationship of the Rabbinical Assembly, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the United Synagogue, the three arms of the Conservative movement in the United States.

Rabbi Greenfield will present a set of proposals for changes in Sabbath observance, along the lines of Rabbi Agus' paper, which I missed hearing but whose contents I have since learned. Rabbi Bokser will discuss changes in services.

Rabbi Agus in his paper at the Concord Hotel pointed out that all the evasions by which attempts are being made to absolve from wrongdoing those who drive on the Sabbath and make other infractions of the strict observance—infractions which almost all of us commit today—are legalistic attempts to deal with the problem, attempts which are pitifully inadequate.

Rabbi Agus went on to make a case for the setting up of a code of minimum observance, arguing that an all-or-nothing theory was dangerous. Taking up the matter of riding to services on the Sabbath, Rabbi Agus showed that unless the law is changed, both the rabbi and the congregation were guilty of desecration of the Sabbath. Then his Committee on Law and Standards proposed the following code, pointing out that the reinterpret-

ted minimum would offset the contemporary trend of slow decay and begin a new period of growth and vitality.

The proposals are:

To refrain from all avoidable work on Saturday, namely work not made necessary by the pressure of life; to refrain from all shopping, cooking, heavy work at home, and to abstain from smoking; to refrain from all activities not in keeping with the spirit of the Sabbath.

The proposals popularize the positive ceremonies of kiddush, candle-lighting, havdalah, the Sabbath meal and learning and spiritual recreation, in addition to attendance at services every Saturday.

The committee urged a national campaign for Sabbath observance and cited examples of reinterpretation of law in Jewish history to meet crises such as the one Judaism faces today; and then calls for bold leadership on the part of the Conservative movement.

This brings you up to date. The Conservative movement, it seems to me, is about to take a bold step but one which has been long overdue, of course.

There is hardly a congregation in the United States, whether Conservative or Orthodox, where riding to services is not the established practice. I have been told by leading Orthodox rabbis that they are not opposed to change but that they fear more the chaos which would result if change became the whim of the individual rabbi. These Orthodox rabbis wanted the change to be made officially, which in their case means by the rabbinate of Israel.

I'm sorry it took me so long to be able to report to you on the last session of the Rabbinical Assembly, but some rabbis fear the lay community. They don't understand that the Jewish community is even more interested, if that were possible, than the rabbis themselves in the same problem.

I WANT to say a word about Al Fleishman of St. Louis. Al writes a weekly column for our St. Louis edition and because Al has always been so active in Jewish life wherever I go I'm always sure to run into someone who remembers him from his war service days (Major Fleishman to you) or his general secretarship of the Jewish War Veterans, from his work after V-E day with the surviving Jews or from his present activity with the United Jewish Appeal and the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The reason Al bobs up here at the moment is that his firm, Fleishman, Hillard and Associates, has just moved into sumptuous new quarters at 408 Olive Street, in St. Louis.

Al's success has been phenomenal and is almost a legend in the public relations field. His accounts are railroads and public utilities, and the last time I talked to him, he was running round the country doing personnel attitude surveys for large department stores and some of the largest factories in the U.S. Recently he was called to Washington on an urgent appeal to do something about the lack of doctors in the military services. If you'll notice reports that this situation has improved radically, you can give Al credit for it.

Al is quite a guy. He's Orthodox and a Jew to the core, and wants everyone to know it. He'll lay into the anti-Zionists as strongly as anyone, although St. Louis has one of the largest American Council for Ju-

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Mr. Ben-Gurion's Call To U. S. Jewish Youth

WHETHER or not the translation of what Premier David Ben-Gurion said about bringing U. S. Jewish youth to Israel, even against the wishes of the parents here, was awkward and thereby distorted what Ben-Gurion actually said, is not as important as is an understanding by the U. S. Jewish community of the motivation of this statement and other statements made not only by Ben-Gurion but also by other Israeli leaders along the same lines.

A basic part of Zionist philosophy has been and is that eventually anti-Semitism will develop in every nation to the point where that nation's Jews will want to or have to leave. Up until now, this part of Zionist philosophy has been proven accurate. There is therefore little reason for Israel leaders—all of whom are confirmed Zionists—to believe that what has happened elsewhere will not happen in time in the United States.

Of course, the German Jews were even more confirmed in their faith in Germany than are the Jews of the United States in our government and obviously they were tragically wrong. Still, that does not mean that violent anti-Semitism will inevitably come to the United States.

The foregoing analysis will make it easier to understand why Ben-Gurion can make a statement like the one quoted in last week's Post.

Zukerman Flops As A Ventriloquist

NOTHING more fantastic in months has been tried by anti-Zionists than Mr. William Zukerman's puerile attempt to foist on Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, the man who thwarted presidents of the United States in his fight for U. S. recognition of Israel, the title of "philanthropic" Zionist.

Dr. Silver, Mr. Zukerman writes, is a "philanthropic" Zionist as opposed to the traditional kind of Zionist (European is the word both Mr. Zukerman and Westbrook Pegler use to describe the kind of program and people they thing Americans should oppose) that David Ben-Gurion is.

As incontrovertible proof, Mr. Zukerman points out that Dr. Silver in answering Alfred Lilienthal, the American Council for Judaism official, in the Reader's Digest, stated that Jews of the U. S. were loyal citizens.

How Long A Vacation?

MOST Rabbis started late Friday evening services with the first Friday in September, but here and there some rabbis are opening their Friday evening services with the Rosh Hashonah services on Sept. 23.

Last year when the lateness of the High Holy Days put off the first Friday evening services until well after Labor Day, it seemed that the lesson was learned that it is a mistake to drag the summer on for another month.

In actuality, it is a mistake to close our houses of worship in summer altogether. Today the largest proportion of our Temples and synagogues conduct services right on through the summer, but only on a curtailed basis, usually without the rabbi. This is an invitation to forget Judaism for two or three months or, as in

Ben-Gurion did not say in his speech—or at least in that part of it transmitted to the Anglo-Jewish press—how he would bring U.S. youth to Israel against the wishes of the parents, and The Post finds it hard to believe that that is what Ben-Gurion meant in so many words. He could have meant that life in Israel will become so attractive for Jews that young Jews from all over the world will want to go there.

Anti-Semitism is not a threat today to Jews in the U.S., and the attractions of life in Israel today are hardly an irresistible magnet to U. S. Jewish youth. When or if either of these things comes to pass, then the situation will be radically changed from present circumstances and U. S. Jews will act according to the situation at that time.

We can't see much good in statements like that of Ben-Gurion, even though we understand why they are made. What Israel wants from the U. S. Jewish community is enough of its consecrated young people to add their capabilities to those now building the Jewish state. The appeal will have to be one on the basis of sacrifice, and identification with the Jewish people. Statements on any other basis not only serve no purpose and cause unnecessary confusion, but they also repel those young people who might otherwise be attracted by the need and the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Zukerman's analysis overlooks one decisive fact. He forgets that at the last convention of the Zionist Organization of America, Rabbi Silver told the delegates that the Zionists of America will send thousands of U. S. Jewish youth to Israel as pioneers. Is that "philanthropic" Zionism?

Mr. Zukerman can't seem to make headway with his anti-Zionism. He may portray himself as a reasonable Zionist taking opposition to "extremists" and thereby throw into the "extremist" class all who oppose him. That is not a new trick. But when he attempts to settle himself on the shoulder of Dr. Silver and from that position throw challenges at other Zionists as if Rabbi Silver were the "dummy" and he the ventriloquist, he is doing something no one in the American Jewish community with a sane mind would attempt to do.

Current Comment

The Daniel Frisch program for the Zionist Organization of America throws strength of ZOA into battle for Jewish survival in the U. S., says the Los Angeles VOICE—As was anticipated several months ago, the Zionist Organization of America, under the direction of its new president, Daniel Frisch, has turned its powerful abilities to the issue of Jewish survival in the United States.

This is not to say its classic program of Zionist effort is at all abandoned. The program endorsed at the recent sessions of the national administrative council and executive of ZOA embraced projects in Israel, work in the U.S. in behalf of Israel, building of a spiritual bridge between the two countries, as well as efforts toward Jewish revival.

It is in the latter undertaking that the ZOA will be taking out on a path long beckoning to it, but deferred by the greater pull of helping in the establishment of the Jewish state. With the latter an accomplished fact, the job that generations of American Jews have striven for, can now get the talent, attention and power it requires and deserves.

Mr. Frisch has called for a thorough revision of both the aims and methods of Hebrew education in America, with the whole purpose of Jew-

ish education in America to be fearlessly thought through. Contending that the cause of Jewish education in the United States has been lost by default after a neglect covering two generations, he warned "we are now faced with a situation which, if permitted to continue, will encompass our disappearance as a distinct group in the United States."

The program proposes mapping out, in consultation with all Jewish organizations, institutions and agencies concerned with the problem of Jewish education and culture in the United States, of a "nationwide plan for carrying the Hebrew language and literature into every Jewish household throughout the length and breadth of this land."

Further, the ZOA, through its membership, is invited to become the spearhead in a movement towards the full democratization of Jewish community life. To attain this goal the creation of a special Community Relations Commission to direct the long overdue drive for such democratization is proposed.

The job is not an easy one but its success can well mean that better and more ordered Jewish life on this continent, of which our far-seeing and more constructive Jewish leaders and statesmen have dreamt and labored.

N.J. Butchers Try Testimonial Ad To Push Kosher Meat Sales

NEWARK, N. J.—One of modern advertising's most typical techniques—the testimonial—was put in use this week by a group of Kosher butchers to convince Jewish housewives that they are really getting a good buy in Kosher meat.

The Federation of Kosher Butchers of Essex county took a half-page in the Jewish NEWS of Newark for an ad that would do credit to a major cigaret promotion by a big advertising agency.

The big headline read: "Don't Let Prices Fool You." This was followed by a statement that "for top choice meat, for the finest cuts of meat trimmed of excess fat and bone, you will find that Kosher

meat is not any more expensive than other meats. Visit the Kosher butcher shop in your neighborhood. Shop and Compare. Be convinced that it is more economical to buy your meat at the Kosher butcher shop that displays the sign of rabbinical supervision."

Then followed the testimonial from a Mrs. "E.N. of Weequahic Ave., Newark."

She was quoted as saying: "Only recently my friends and I have resumed buying our meat at a Kosher butcher shop. I've discovered that I have more meat per pound to serve for my meals. Although the price of kosher meat appears to be high-

er, I know that this is not the case, for after disposing of the waste from other meats I bought from my previous butchers, there is very little left to serve my husband and two children. Buying meat from a Kosher butcher has convinced me that I receive a full pound of meat for my money and I know that the poultry that I receive from him is always fresh and wholesome."

The venture into modern public relations techniques closed with an invitation to those seeking information about kosher butcher shops in their neighborhood to write to the Federation of Kosher Butchers.

The World of Books

NEW STUDY DETAILS REJECTION OF JEWISH HOMELESS AFTER 1933

TO DWELL IN SAFETY, By Frank Wischnitzer, Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, 368 pages, \$4.

By WARD MOORE

THIS HISTORY of the Jewish migration in the 19th and 20th centuries divides itself into two unequal parts, with 1933 as the boundary between the anguish and hope on one side and terror and desperation on the other. Ably marshalled and documented, the earlier period has nevertheless primarily an historical, statistical or contributory interest. For this reviewer, at least, it is the material dealing with the period 1933-1948 which has the morbid fascination of an amputation for a patient under a local anesthetic.

My own last immigrant ancestor arrived in the United States 100 years ago. He left East Prussia—as far as I can gather from family legend—for no inescapably compelling reason, but rather in a spirit of curiosity and adventure, later amply demonstrated by a junket to Ireland (or England; the legend is vague) where he married a cousin who had already changed her name from Mohr to Moore. Being evidently an amiable fellow, he accepted her spelling and settled in Bombay. Why Bombay I cannot guess. He (being a true Moore) arrived in San Francisco in 1849, when normal immigrants were entering at New York. However, he eventually got to the metropolis, was appointed to a job in the—but I didn't intend to write by family history.

I was merely trying to point out that so atypical a migration could not take place today or indeed for a long time back. My grandfather apparently simply did not like Prussia; whether for the climate, weltanschauung, zeitgeist, or simply from an esthetic distaste for the German folk is unrecorded. Further he casually tried three different countries before he finally favored the United States.

Such an unhurried, urbane, and dignified approach would be fantastically unthinkable in world of quotas, visas, restrictions, suspicions, hates, fears and stupidities.

For the Jew, the 19th Century was a century of dilemmas; to escape or endure persecution, to fly from or try to live through pogroms, to struggle in familiar poverty or migrate to strange lands where the poverty might be mitigated or even—if the tales were believable—miraculous.

sly changed to an endurable economic status. The problem was a problem of scraping a small sum together or escaping the lazy vigilance of widely scattered frontier guards. Once either was accomplished, the whole world lay before the man from Kasrilevke, Koenigsburg, or Krasnoyarsk. The United States, Canada, Argentina, South Africa, Australia were all there for his choosing. Once away from eastern or central Europe he could elect to go anywhere—and if it didn't suit him, move on.

THE CHANGE CAME, not gradually, but overnight. The world, having shot away its resources in 1914-18, suddenly discovered that immigrants were not the valuable addition they had been thought. Bars went up, higher and higher bars, and the highest bars were always—explicitly or implicitly—always in the paths of Jews. The situation was intolerable in 1921; it was hopeless in 1933.

For with Haman loose on the world the desirable became the imperative, the inescapable—but the doors were either unanimously closed or such a pitifully small crack was left open that it tantalized the victims rather than offered hope. "The attitude of the American consulates in Berlin, Hamburg and Stuttgart in charge of issuing visas proved highly disappointing. They were, to put it mildly, exceedingly slow in granting immigration visas, contending that the prospective emigrants would become public charges. The Jewish social workers of that period know, however, that many applicants with good credentials were likewise systematically refused by the consuls . . . Many thousands, perhaps tens of thousands annually, could have been saved in those first years of Nazism. The example of the United States consulates undoubtedly would have motivated consulates of other overseas countries to permit larger contingents of German Jews, preferably the younger ones, to enter those countries. The democracies failed in the very beginning of the Nazi onslaught. They equally failed to take action on several other occasions, as will be shown."

Chronology points up one of these failures. The Nazis occu-

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(continued from preceding page) daism chapters. Yet no one questions his fairness and he's liked almost universally.

The last time I was in his office, he was working on the election of the mayor, which was culminated with success, like most of Al's work.

Good luck, Al, in your new offices

pied all France on November 11, 1942. Three months later the British Government approached the American with a proposal for "practical measures". On February 23, 1943, four and a half months after the crisis, the State Department suggested "exploratory conversations". Men, women, and children, were tortured, deported gassed and cremated while the State Department polished its prose. And when the last comma was put in place in accordance with protocol, the suggestion was for "exploratory conversations".

In the meantime, ". . . In March, 1943, word reached Washington . . . that 70,000 Jews in France and Rumania could be saved if funds would be deposited in Switzerland. What followed were lengthy negotiations, for nearly seven months, between the Treasury and the State Department and between the latter and the British Foreign Office and Ministry of Economic Warfare. The attitude of the Foreign Office was that, after the liberation of this large number of Jewish people from the Nazis, the difficulty would arise where to place them. The Foreign Office therefore disapproved of the entire plan . . . Nothing accordingly, was done to rescue the 70,000 Jews from destruction."

A stiff-necked, peculiar, arrogant—and inconvenient—people.

WASHINGTON—The Export-Import bank announced a second allocation on the \$1,000,000,000 loan to Israel last week. The loan of \$2,350,000 will be used by the Jewish State to enable it to buy materials to expand Haifa port.

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INDIANAPOLIS—A group of top Israeli leaders, headed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, have been added to the international mailing list of The Post.

Other Israeli leaders who have been added to the list of Post subscribers include Moshe Sharret, Israeli foreign minister; Eliahu Dokbin of the Jewish Agency; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Moshe Sneh, chairman of Mapam; Yitzhak Ben Akaron and Fritz Bernstein of the Israel Parliament, and Knesset Speaker Joseph Shprinzak and Felix Rosenbluth of the Jewish Agency.

The subscriptions are a gift of Joseph Greenleaf, a vice-chairman of the national administrative council of the Zionist Organization of America.

JEWISH YOUTH MEET PLEDGES AID TO HEBREW, HAILS YIDDISH

NARROWSBURG, N. Y.—The National Jewish Youth Conference was on record this week as favoring not only greater efforts to include Hebrew in the curricula of colleges and public high schools but also agreed that Yiddish "is a key to an important facet of Jewish culture."

The second annual convention at Camp Wel-met re-elected Arnold M. Tins of Paterson, N. J., as chairman, together with an executive committee of 45.

The convention urged American Jewish youth to investigate the professional opportunities in the fields of Jewish social work, Jewish education and the rabinate.

The conference expressed "admiration and pride" in Israel and pledged its efforts, agreeing "to aid the new state in every way possible." The convention took no formal stand, however, on support of chalutzit.

FRAT HONORS MYERS

PHILADELPHIA—Stanley C. Myers, Miami, president of the national Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, was named this week recipient of the 1949 national service award of Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

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Top Congress Body Sustains Expulsion Of Detroit Chapter

NEW YORK—The ouster of the Detroit Metropolitan chapter of the American Jewish Congress last May by the Congress executive committee was affirmed this week by the organization's national administrative committee, top body of the Congress.

The charter of the Detroit chapter was revoked on grounds of "wilful breaches of organizational discipline," and deliberate and repeated defiance of the Congress' policy-making bodies.

The administrative committee meeting also set Nov. 9 to 13 as the dates for the biennial convention of the Congress. One of the major tasks of the convention will be to elect a successor to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who died last April in the presidency.

The suspension of the Detroit chapter followed the report of an investigating committee named last January by Dr. Wise.

The Detroit chapter leaders said last June they would carry their fight against the ouster to the national convention. Whether they still intended to do so, in the face of the administrative committee action, could not be

learned immediately.

The ouster order provided for revocation of the Detroit chapter charter and the transfer of its membership to other chapters in the city of Detroit.

Officers of the dissolved group were prohibited from holding office in the Congress for a two-year period.

A copy of the investigators' report on the chapter, made available to The Post, listed repeated examples of violation of national policy by officers of the ousted chapter.

The November convention is expected to be marked by an effort of a new internal opposition to fight the present national leadership. The opposition was formed last month as "The Committee for a Democratic American Jewish Congress."

JWV PROBING PARTICIPATION OF POST IN PEEKSKILL RIOT

NEW YORK—The Jewish War Veterans national office denied this week that it had given permission to its Westchester post to join in the riotous demonstration against Paul Robeson's concert at Peekskill.

While the JWV was promising an investigation of the extent to which the local JWV chapter was active in the turbulent demonstration, fresh reports of anti-Semitic incidents at the affair came to light.

The Jewish World News Service there were some physical attacks on Jews at the meeting. The JWNS also said that in the second affray, demonstrators displayed anti-Semitic placards, quoting one containing the words

"Communism is Treason. Behind Communism stands the Jew. Therefore For my Country and Against the Jew."

Most of the 150 persons wounded in the second riot were Jews, the JWNS said but did not indicate on what information that estimate was based.

Both the JWV and the American Jewish Congress asked for an investigation of the attacks on the sponsors of the Robeson concert.

Orthodox Battle Jerusalem Status

JERUSALEM, — (WNS) — A small sect of Jewish religious zealots in Jerusalem, anti-Zionists who are called Netura Karta, favors the internationalization of the Holy City, it became known this week after another orthodox group put up huge posters all over Jerusalem which cautioned the Jews against being misled by the extremist group. The Netura Karta were accused of planning to create disorders and disturbances when the U. N. economic survey mission arrives here

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British Back Israel At Lausanne Talks

TEL AVIV—(WNS) A favorable turn in British policy toward Israel is reported from Lausanne, where Palestine peace talks under United Nations auspices are now being held. The British representative there is said to favor the transfer of 100,000 Jews now living in Iraq to Israel, while holding that Israel should pay a lump sum to the Palestinian Arabs who have been displaced.

The British representative, Sir Desmond Morton, believes that for the sake of a durable peace in the Middle East it is desirable that the Arab minority in Israel be not too large and that Israel's offer to readmit 100,000 Arab refugees is the maximum compatible with its security. The British attitude has taken by surprise the Israel and Arab delegates who are participating in the Lausanne peace talks.

THEY'LL BAN JEWS

BEIRUT, Lebanon—The Lebanese Government announced last week that it would refuse entry visas to Jewish delegates to the UN Food and Agricultural Conference scheduled to open Sept 19.

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ORTHODOX JEWS ARRIVE IN U. S. ON SATURDAY, STAY IN AIRPORT

NEW YORK—A group of 12 U. S. Jews, arriving at Idlewild airport from Israel behind schedule, spent the entire day Saturday at the airport rather than violate the Jewish law which forbids travel on the Sabbath.

The 12 passengers were delegates to the recent conferences of the Mizrahi religious Zionists and Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor Zionist) in Israel.

Plane Was Late

Rabbi Yeshuda Perkin of the Bronx said the group had planned to arrive before the start of the Sabbath Friday but that the plane was delayed. It landed at 12:06 a. m. Saturday.

Unable to handle money or ride in any conveyance until sundown Saturday, the passengers also had a food problem since they could not eat at the airport's non-kosher restaurant.

Friends and relatives came to the airport with kosher food. Rabbi Asher Steve of the Bronx

was able to leave the airport because his wife had engaged a room near the field.

Rested Right There

The others spent the night resting in a corner of the lounge of the airport administration building.

The group included eight women, as well as the two visitors who brought the kosher food and did not leave the airport building until sundown Saturday.

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